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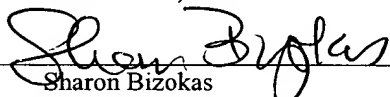
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gravereaux et al. Group Art Unit: 1647
Serial No.: 09/970,088 Examiner: R.B. Kapust
Filing Date: October 2, 2001
For: Use of Lymphangiogenic Agents to Treat Lymphatic Disorders

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement of December 19, 2003, Applicants hereby elect Group I, which presently includes claims 1-9 and 22-30, with traverse.

The present election is made solely to comply with the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action. It should not be construed as a disclaimer or surrender of any subject matter in the application. The right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims is reserved.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement as set forth. For example, it is believed that no undue burden would be imposed by examination of the four groups, because searches for these groups would overlap significantly. Accordingly, it is requested that the restriction requirement be reconsidered.

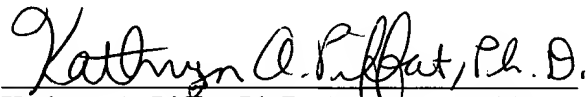
The Examiner has objected to claims 5, 9, 23, 25, 28, 29 and 38 under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form for multiple dependency. Applicants have amended claims 5, 9, 23, 25, 28, and 29 in the Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, submitted herewith. Claim 38 is withdrawn as non-elected, without prejudice to pursuit in an appropriate divisional or continuation application.

Applicants believe that only a two-month extension of time is required, because this Response is being filed within two (2) months after the expiration of the specified one (1) month period. Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time and include payment of fees for the two-month extension of time. If an additional extension is needed, applicants hereby conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked.

Although it is not believed that any additional fees are needed to consider this submission, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

Date: March 3, 2004

Respectfully submitted,



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